(d) the details of agencies involved in the investigations of the ship and the details of facts ascertained after the investigations; and

(e) whether Government has conveyed its protest to the Government of North Korea?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) North Korean ship MV Mu San entered Indian territorial waters off the Andaman Islands without notification and permission of the Indian maritime authorities. Since it did not respond to radio communications from the Coast Guard, it was brought to Port Blair for Joint investigation by different security agencies.

After thorough investigations, the ship was found to be carrying sugar. The Government had taken up the matter with the North Korean authorities. North Korean Embassy in India reiterated in writing that the Captain sincerely apologized for not complying with the Indian Coast Guard's orders.

Desire of painter to return to India

†2193. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that painter Maqbool Fida Hussain has expressed his desire to return to India;

(b) whether Government will give assurance for his safety; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Government has seen press reports to the effect that Shri M.F. Hussain has expressed desire to come to India. The Government would provide him with adequate security on the basis of local threat perception for him, if and when Shri M.F. Hussain comes to India.

Air Defence Missile System from Israel under CBI Scanner

2194. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has entered into contract for the supply of Air Defence Missile System from Israel Aircraft Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the industry is already under CBI investigation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has undertaken joint development of missiles

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.